

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at 49 a'Beckett Street, Melbourne on Monday, 20th February, 1978

Present: Mr. M. Rundle (Chairman), Messrs. E. Long, B. Macintosh, J. Bainbridge, K. Currey, O. Slattery and R. Naismith.

Apologies: Messrs. N. Black and J. Rigby.

Minutes: The minutes of the council meeting held on 14th November, 1977, as circulated, were confirmed.

Business arising out of minutes:

1. Election of Office Bearers

President. Mr. M. Rundle was re-elected unopposed as President for the current year.

Vice President. Mr. B. Macintosh was re-elected unopposed.

Secretary. It was resolved that Mr. J.F. Rigby be re-appointed Secretary for the current year.

2. Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled showing funds as follows as at 20th February, 1978:-

Bank Balance	\$3,157.97 CR
Deposit with Y.C.W. Co-operative	\$5,000.00

Resolved that statement be adopted and that in addition approval be given to payment of the following accounts:-

B. Macintosh \$41.35 (accommodation expenses).
C.F.A. Council, Mr. J. Mason \$41.35 (accommodation expenses).

The Atlantic Co-operator, Nova Scotia.

\$24.00 for 6 copies of the Maritime Co-operator, Feb.'78 to Feb.'79.

Reports:

(i) Special Meeting 13th December, 1977

Mr. Rundle reported on a meeting of himself and Mr. Rigby with Messrs. Long, Mason, Macintosh and Slattery, to express opinions on several items on the Agenda for the C.F.A. Council meeting to be held in January, 1978.

(ii) C.F.A. Council Meeting, 23rd January, 1978

Mr. Macintosh reported on that meeting and referred to several items in the minutes of the C.F.A. meeting, including:-

- (a) Funding of C.F.A. No advice has been received yet that the Co-operative Federation of Western Australia has decided whether to accept the C.F.A. Secretariat back at Western Australia.
- (b) C.F.A. Constitution. Resolved that Co-operative Federation of Victoria Council review the C.F.A. Constitution at its March meeting. A copy of the Constitution is to be sent to each councillor not at tonight's meeting.
- (c) Co-operative Directory. Victorian Co-operative Trading Association will complete a Victorian Directory. Agreed we should obtain a copy of the directories already completed by three States.

Reports (Cont'd)

- (ii) (d) C.F.A. Convention. Co-operatives should send nominations in immediately because C.F.A. will cancel the Convention unless 100 nominations are received by 1st March, 1978.

Resolved that C.F.V. send its Chairman or Deputy Chairman and its Secretary to the C.F.A. Convention in 1978 at the C.F.V.'s expense.

Mr. Slattery reported on attending a convention committee meeting in Canberra on 15th February, 1978.

Resolved that this Council do not use the invitation cards sent to us by C.F.A. for personal invitations, but that we send the new Convention brochure and a covering letter which we will ask C.F.A. to provide.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Co-operative Federation of Australia dated 14th February, 1978 asking for:-

- (a) Payment of the balance of \$5,000 promised for year ending 30th June, 1978.
Resolved that we advise C.F.A. that we guarantee payment of the balance of \$5,000 concerned but prefer to pay it later this quarter.

- (b) Seeking clarification of the contribution that C.F.V. will make for the financial year ending 30th June, 1979.
Resolved that this Council advise C.F.A. that the indication given by our delegates at the C.F.A. Council in January, 1978 is for a maximum contribution of \$5,000 for a full year, provided the C.F.A. Secretariat is based in Canberra. We have not yet indicated what the C.F.V. offer would be if the Secretariat were not located in Canberra.
C.F.V. will reply further regarding its funding offer for year ending 30th June, 1979 after its March meeting and after receiving official advice of the decision of the Co-operative Federation of Western Australia.

- (c) International Raiffeisen Union Executives.
It was agreed that V.C.C.A. be included in the itinerary of both these visitors. Also that a dinner be arranged on the evening of 9th March, 1978 and a lunch on the 21st March, 1978.

2. Letter from Co-operative Federation Queensland re Conference.
3. Letter from Co-operative Federation of Western Australia re I.C.T.O.
4. Letter from Co-operative Federation of South Australia re sales tax. Resolved this matter be referred to V.T.C.A. for investigation.
5. Letter from Co-operative Federation of New South Wales re Mr. B. Freeman's visit to Victoria. It was agreed that Mr. Freeman be invited to visit Victoria on 17th April 1978.
6. Letter from Co-operative Federation of Australia re 1979 Top Level International Co-operative Leaders' Conference. Mr. Long to check on the assistance received in the way of a grant from Victorian Government in 1971. It was also agreed that C.F.V. offer \$500 towards this conference.

General Business:

Talinga Home Buyers Co-operatives

Councillors expressed concern over the press and television publicity given to the failure of the Service Company associated with the Talinga Home Buyers Co-operatives because the publicity unfairly reflected unfavourably on Co-operatives. Messrs. Rundle and Long reported on action taken by the Registrar of Co-operatives and Directors of Security Management Co-operative Ltd., which has resulted in the formation of a new Co-operative Society to become the Service Organisation for the Talinga Home Buyers Co-operatives. The new Co-operative will commence operation only if certain conditions are met by the Victorian Government. Council welcomed the action of Security Management Co-operatives and its experienced personnel in the attempt to assist shareholders of Talinga Home Buyers Co-operatives.

Arising out of this discussion it was agreed to list on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council the question of the policy and method of C.F.V. making public statements in matters effecting the Co-operative movement.

Education & Training The report of the program with the Director of the Kellog

Rural Adjustment Unit of the Rural Economics Department of the University of New England was discussed. It was agreed that the principle was very good, but it was felt there would be little or no support from Victoria in the way of participants. A suggestion was made that perhaps this type of course would be better offered to middle management rather than Chief Executives.

Co-operative Farmers & Graziers

Mr. Long has spoken to Mr. J. Heffernan and offered our support and the matter was left in his hands and to confer, if necessary, with Mr. M. Rundle.


Next Meeting

- 20th March, 1978.

Close

- There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Confirmed:

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